

In the specification:

At page 1, lines 2-4, please delete this information and replace with:

--This is a divisional application of Serial No. 08/214,014, filed March 16, 1994 ^(US patent 5,439,676) ~~(pending)~~, which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/708,800 filed May 30, 1991 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/268,361 filed September 19, 1988 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/102,830 filed September 22, 1988⁷ (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/046,027 filed May 1, 1987 (now abandoned).--

At page 8, line 4: please replace "percent" with --actual counts--.

At page 8, line 7: please replace "actual counts" with --percent--.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-48 and 50-59, amend claim 49, and because they contain underlining, please replace claims 60-61 and 64-65 by new claims 67-70:

Please amend 49 as follows:

49. (four times amended) A method for reducing the [of] number of bacteria in a food item for animals so that the number of bacteria in the food item treated by said method is at least 10^3 -fold lower at about 3-6 days after treatment than in an untreated control food item, said method comprising applying about 200 μ g